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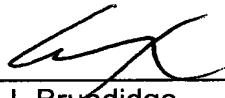
Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC 119 and 37 CFR 1.55, applicants hereby claim the right of priority based on:

**Japanese Application No. 11-024648**  
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A Certified copy of said application document was filed in parent application Serial No. 09/495,868, filed February 2, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,542,954, said certified document filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 3, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,



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